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15 Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

20 Responsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002,
 having a shortened period for response which expired on
 August 23, 2002, which period has been extended to expire
 on October 23, 2002, by the enclosed Petition for
 Extension of Time, Applicant hereby submits the following
 Amendment with the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration
25 of the application in view of the amendment is
 respectfully requested.

IN THE ABSTRACT

30 Please replace the abstract on file with the
 following replacement abstract. A marked up version of
 the replacement abstract showing the additions and
 deletions is attached herewith.

--A system and method of identifying programs
contained on a disk of any format, including, for
example, either a single-sided or a double-sided disk
35 with either a single-layer or multi-layer tracks, are
 presented. In particular, a dual-sided recording medium
 is disclosed having respective program data on the first
 and the second sides of said medium. In addition, the
 medium has a first area on the first side and a second
40 area on the second side, and the areas have laser encoded
 data representing individualized information relating to
 said respective program data. The areas may or may not
 overlap each other depending on the configuration chosen.
 Also disclosed is an apparatus for laser encoding the